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Via email and hand delivered February 18, 2020

Dear Mr. Alfred L. Abeita II, and the City of Gallup Council members,

Good morning, thank you for taking the time to look at our idea. We are writing this letter to request to be added to the agenda for the ~~February 25, 2020~~ City Council Meeting.

March 10, 2020

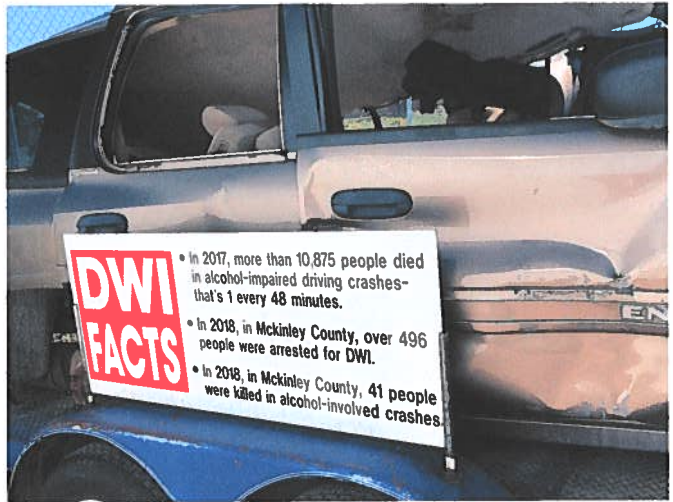
I, Jennifer Bates, started a non-profit organization in May of 2019, called "A Hope and a Future, Inc." The mission statement is:

"To improve the quality of life in our community by praying regularly, meeting together, and organizing different projects that promote God's Hope and God's plan for people's lives."

We have 6 Board members,

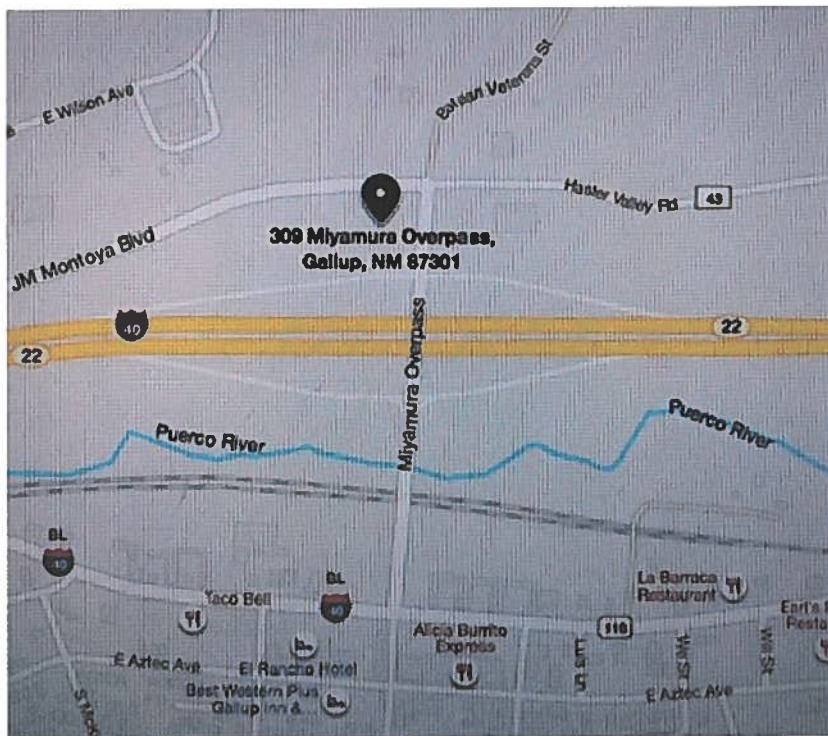
Jennifer Bates, President
Merle Bates, Vice President
Brandon Watchman, Treasurer
Phyllis Kerr, Secretary
Bob Kerr, Member
Kari Ippel, Member

One of the projects we did was the "DWI crash vehicle" pictured below. We have not only been able to park it in different places like the Rio West Mall and Aztec Laundry on 2nd street, but it has also been requested at many events like Gallup High School right before graduation, DWI prevention events, and other community events around Gallup and the Navajo Nation. We believe it has a big effect on people, and starts conversations between parents and their children about the dangers of drinking and driving. It was funded by the McKinley County Sheriff's Office, ABQ Auto Salvage, and our non-profit. Hinkley Signs provided the signs.



The reason we are reaching out to you, the City Council, is because we have an idea to put up a "DWI Memorial Wall" here in Gallup to memorialize and honor those killed in drunk driving crashes. When I first talked to the Mayor, Jackie McKinney in December of 2019, he thought it was a good idea and told me what steps to take next.

Rick Murphy, owner of Murphy Builders here in Gallup has given me a rendering of what the wall would look like and how much it would cost. (Attached) The location we were looking at is the corner of Miyamura overpass and JM Montoya Blvd., west of the "We the People" site.

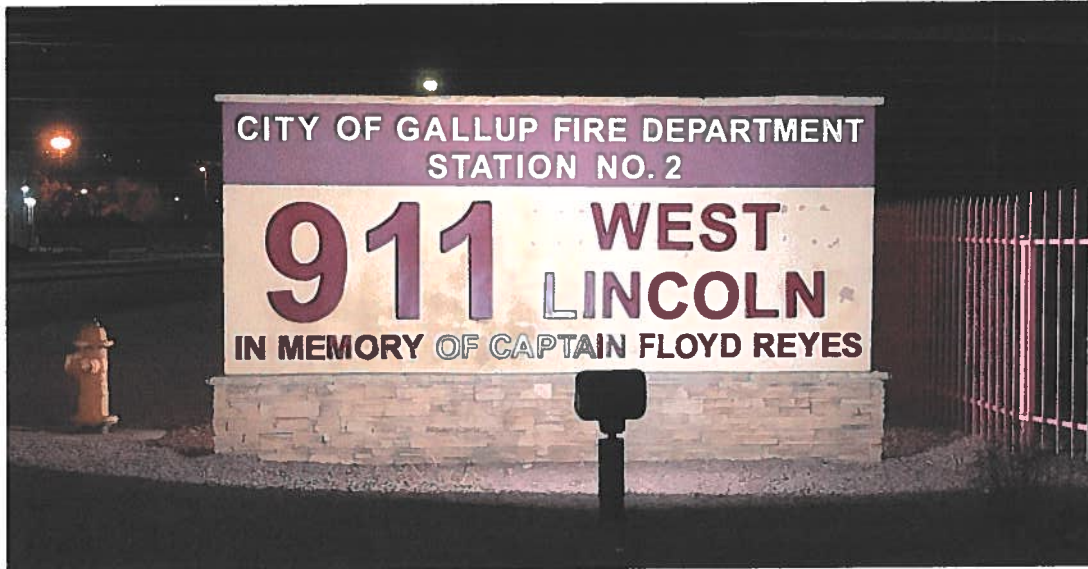


	<u>Low:</u>	<u>High:</u>
Architectural & engineering	2,500 to	5,000
Build monument	25,000 to	35,000
Site Gravel & landscaping	<u>5,000</u> to	<u>10,000</u>
	32,500 to	50,000

Our plan is to build the wall, then have families buy plaques for their loved ones like the one pictured below. The cost for each plaque is \$195, and families might be able to qualify for some assistance in purchasing the plaques if they cannot afford the whole cost from A Hope and a Future, Inc. Mackenzie was 16 when she was killed by a drunk driver getting off the bus to her house. Her dad was driving the bus and witnessed her death. The plaque is 8 in. by 6 in., weather resistant and has 4 holes for mounting. The family is looking forward to being able to honor Mackenzie in this way.

The initial wall would allow for 60 plaques on each side for a total of 120 plaques. We would add each plaque individually as they are purchased. We would then be able to build another, similar wall next to the first one if we needed to. Below is an example of the plaque.

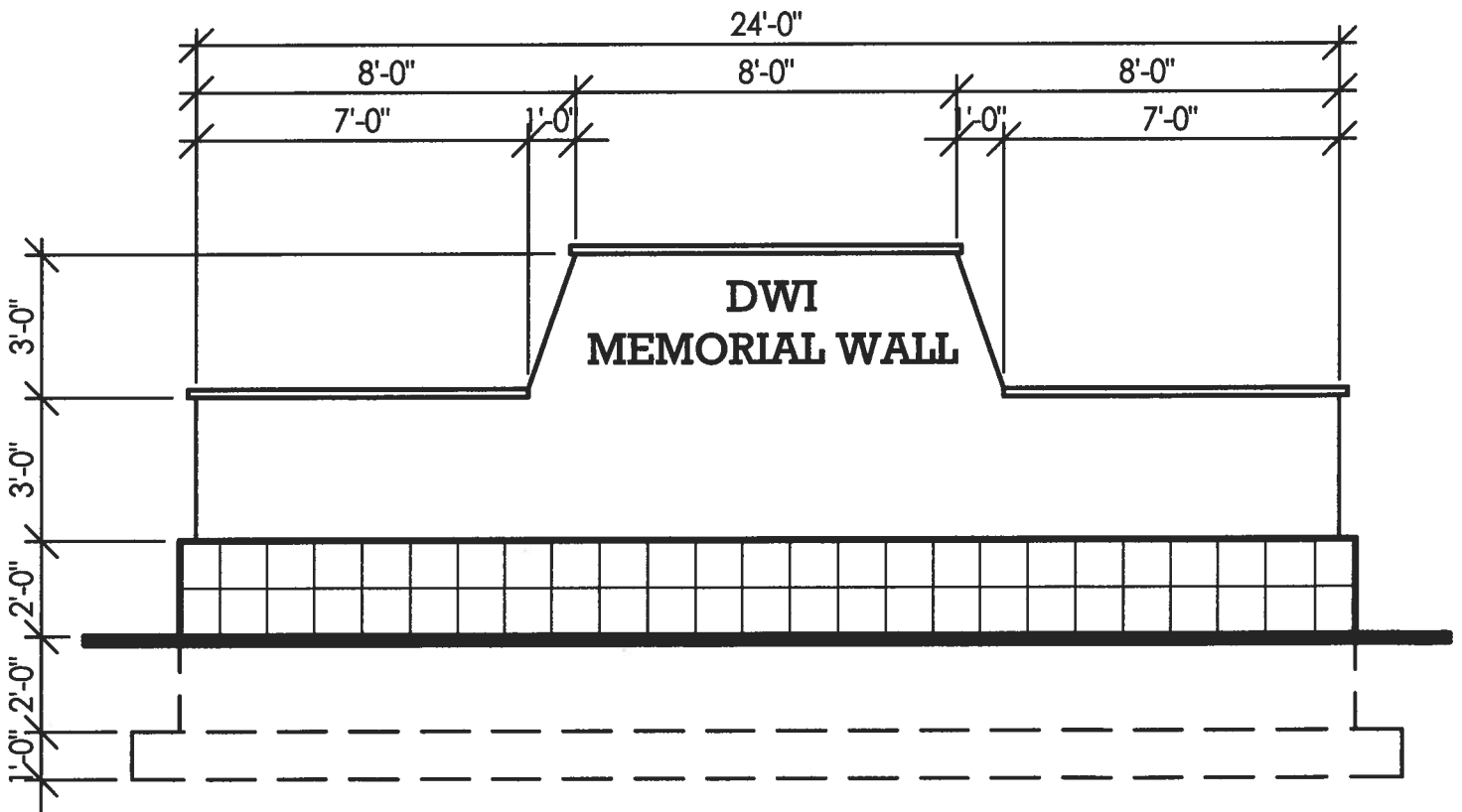
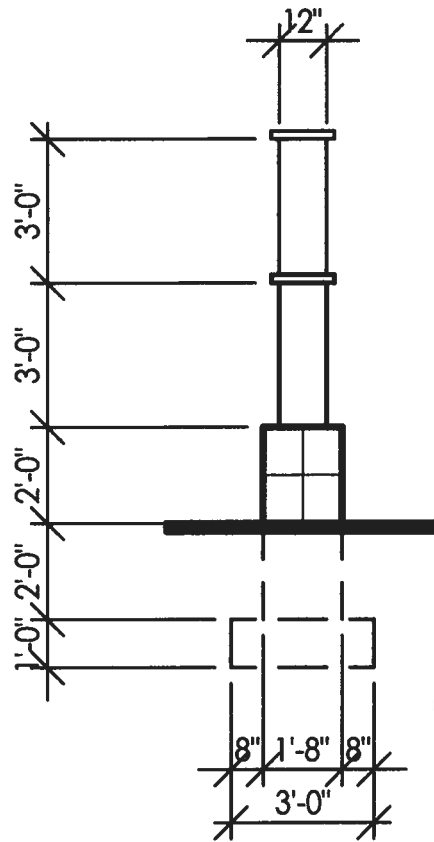
The sign at the Fire Station on the North Side of Gallup is similar to the DWI wall, here is a picture of it.



As you are all aware, the DWI crisis is a very serious problem especially here in McKinley County. As we are fighting every day to prevent DWI, we should also honor those who have lost their lives in such a senseless and preventable way. We hope that you will support our idea and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Jennifer Bates and the Board Members of A Hope and a Future, Inc.



DWI MEMORIAL WALL

1/4" = 1'-0"